

# **U. S. Experts On Ordnance To Meet Here**

Leading authorities of the United States on smokeless powder and high explosives, representing America's top industrial companies and the Army, Navy and Air force, will convene on May 2 and 3 in the office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants at Joliet Arsenal for a conference.

More than two score experts will attend the meeting, sponsored by the powder and explosives committee of the American Ordnance association. Conferees will discuss reports submitted on various studies indicating how industry can co-operate in solution of ordnance defense problems and co-ordinate industrial resources so that maximum production can be quickly obtained in event of national emergency.

**BRIG. GEN.** Joel G. Holmes, field director, will open the conference with the welcoming address in which he will discuss the function of the field directors office in the over-all defense program. Henry N. Marsh of Hercules Powder company and John M. Skilling of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & company, the co-chairmen, will hear reports of specific participation projects and conduct panel discussions on matters of joint interest to industry and the national defense establishment.

Visiting industrialists will make inspection tours of loading facilities and high explosive production lines.